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Michele Draggoo
Tally Lake Ranger District
650 Wolfpack Way
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RE: Taylor Hellroaring Project Scoping Comments

Dear Ms. Draggoo:

The Flathead County Board of Commissioners support the Flathead National Forest's proposed action for the Taylor Hellroaring Project. The Board provided a letter of support this spring and continue to support this project as proposed.

Flathead County would object if the actions identified in the project Draft Decision Notice were modified in any manner that reduced the proposed vegetation/fuels treatments or delayed the project. Active forest management within the project area will significantly help address wildfire risk to Flathead County communities and create a more resilient forest.

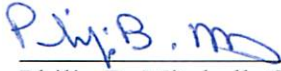
The vegetation/fuels treatments proposed as part of the Taylor Hellroaring Project will also complement the past and proposed treatments on adjacent private lands. The treatments on adjacent private lands help to fully meet the project objectives and enhance the overall wildfire risk mitigation for the Taylor Hellroaring Project area.

Flathead County understands that the private/County roads that will be used to access parts of the Taylor Hellroaring project may not be built to a standard capable of withstanding significant log truck traffic and could be damaged during the course of this project. The County supports hauling on these roads for a reasonable timeline as proposed. The County does expect these roads to be returned to original or better condition at the completion of the project.

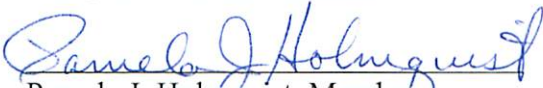
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The Board requests to be included as an interested party in the objection hearing for the proposed Taylor Hellroaring Project. The County would like to be notified of objection meetings in order to be an active participant in support of the implementation of this project.

Sincerely,
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FLATHEAD COUNTY, MONTANA



Philip B. Mitchell, Chairman



Pamela J. Holmquist, Member



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